

Legislation regarding handing over of patients' records

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal before his Ministry to bring any legislation with regard to handing over of patients records to their relatives or other professionals for scrutiny, if needed;
- (b) whether it is a fact that such a law has been drafted by his Ministry and forwarded to the Law Ministry;
- (c) if so, what are the comments of the Law Ministry; and
- (d) by when such legislation is going to come before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ministry of Law has informed that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should obtain the consent of two or more States to empower the Parliament for making the law or if the said subject has been declared in the national interest by the Council of States under Article 249, then the Parliament can make the law. Therefore, the draft legislation has been circulated to all the States with the request to consider' the proposal and to send the necessary authorisation through their Legislature.

(d) The above proposal is at initial stage and it is not possible to indicate the time that will be required to reach finality.

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